



Regional Service Council Minutes Region 8

Meeting Date: January 14, 2015
Meeting Location: Vigo County DCS
30 N. 8th Street
Terre Haute, IN 47807

Council Members Present: Heidi Decker, Vigo County Director; Andrea Williams, Parke County Director; Diana Thomson, Clay County FCM; Mike Goodwin, Sullivan County Director; Diana Newnum, Vermillion County Director

Council Members Absent: Terry Modesitt, Vigo County Prosecutor; Judy Schoffstall, Foster Parent Representative; Judge Dan Kelly, Vigo County Circuit Judge; Bruce Stengel, Vermillion Circuit Judge; Nikki Fuhrmeister, CASA Director; Megan Richardson, Vigo County DCS Supervisor; David Uberto, Regional Manager

Others in Attendance: Sheila Johnson, Vigo County DCS; Kristina Killen, Regional Services Coordinator; Kelly Hunckler, Gibault; Sandy Waldrige, Children's Bureau; Angi Johnson, Children's Bureau; Ryan King, Lifeline Youth and Family Services; Becky Southwick, RainTree Consulting; Heather Anderson, Vigo County DCS Supervisor; Jessica Rice, Vigo County DCS Supervisor; Penny Bluebaum, Vigo County DCS Supervisor; Amanda Payne, Vigo County DCS Supervisor; Lolita Campbell, DCS Regional Finance Manager; Beth Gaither, Lifeline Youth and Family Services

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Meeting Called to Order at: 3:04pm

Heidi Decker welcomed attendees and led the introductions. Minutes were read from the October 15, 2014 meeting. Heidi entertained a motion to accept the minutes. Andrea Williams made motion to accept the October 15, 2014 minutes and Mike Goodwin seconded the motion. Minutes accepted.

Budget Update

Lolita Campbell – Handed out information on the budget. 2015 budget is significantly higher than last year at \$6,456,042.53.

Community Partners/Prevention Services Update

Sandy Waldrige - Handed out information through December 31, 2014. 885 referred in 2014.

Allocated fund for 7/1/2014 – 6/30/2015 – currently has \$17,629.98 in reserve.

Father Engagement – Currently there are 90 fathers who are enrolled or engaging in the program.

Biennial Strategic Plan

Kristina Killen – Presented the RFP for services and contracts that are moving forward. Heidi Decker made motion to move forward and Diana Newnum seconded the motion.

START program - Community meeting will be held on 2/11/15 at Hamilton Center.

There will be a job on the Hamilton Center job bank for a recovering drug or alcohol addict to work with the START program it will be a full time position with benefits. Applicant must have a GED or High School diploma.

Lifeline

Beth Gaither – handed out information through December 31, 2014. They had 12 participants in the Responsible Thinking classes. They have a new office located at 2301 S. 7th Street in Terre Haute.

Additional Business

RainTree Consulting has a new office in Terre Haute.

Resource/Resolute – A new girl's group home "Wind Rose" has opened in Indianapolis.

DCS

With donations in Pam Connelly's memory a limestone at the Children's Museum was purchased and passes for 113 foster children to enjoy a day at the Museum.

Diana Newnum made motion to adjourn.

Meeting adjourned at 3:30p.m.

Next Meeting Date, Location and Time: The next meeting will be held on Wednesday, April 15, 2015 at 3:00pm in the second floor training room.